

North/West Lower Michigan Synod – ELCA

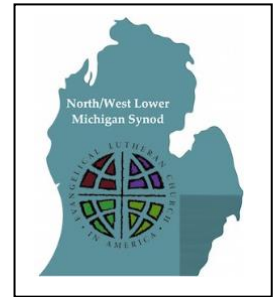
HOW YOUR MONEY HELPS

Mission Support (Benevolence)

Mission Support is the portion of your congregational funds that is sent to and through the synod office to assist in our partnerships in the synod and the church in the world.

Together as a synod we have pledged to send 50% of all undesignated funds that come into the synod office as mission support to the ELCA. Those funds support all the work we do together as the church.

The remaining 50% is used for the work of the synod.



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- ❖ The Office of the Bishop and Staff
Support to congregations, call process, supporting and equipping leaders, ethical guidance and boundary training, support for strategic congregations, congregational sustainability, conflict management, and so much more
- ❖ Synod Council
Financial management, establishing policies and proper procedures, credentialing
- ❖ Support and governance for Living Water – Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
- ❖ Support and guidance for Lutheran Campus Ministries
One Community-MSU; Matrix-WMU; Immanuel on Campus-CMU
- ❖ Providing Lutheran Disaster Response partnership
Grants to the ELCA congregations in the 8 county area effected by the recent Edenville dam breach and flood
- ❖ Communications and public relations resources
- ❖ Training for congregations in vitality, evangelism, stewardship, visioning
- ❖ Planning and support of new ministries, and engagement and re-engagement in community
- ❖ COVID-19 Response Grants from the ELCA
24 congregations have received funds to continue or increase feeding and housing outreach during the pandemic – reaching about 2,000 people per week
- ❖ COVID-19 Education Grants
7 congregations have received grants to assist their local schools systems with the challenges of the pandemic
- ❖ Outreach Grants for new mission ideas
- ❖ SO MUCH MORE

In the North/West Lower Michigan Synod we work together to be the hands and feet, the voice and the arms of love for our neighbors in Michigan.

